



Brownfields 2017 Job Training Grant Fact Sheet

Great Lakes Community Conservation Corps Inc., Racine, WI

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country cleanup and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grant funds are provided to nonprofit organizations and other eligible entities to recruit, train, and place residents from solid and hazardous waste-impacted communities, including low-income and minority, unemployed, and underemployed individuals. To date, EPA has funded 274 job training grants totaling over \$57 million through the Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training program. As of May 2017, more than 16,300 individuals have completed training, and of those, almost 12,000 have obtained employment in the environmental field, an average starting wage of over \$14 an hour. This equates to a cumulative placement rate of approximately 73% since the program was created in 1998.

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\$200,000.00

EPA has selected the Great Lakes Community Conservation Corps (Great Lakes CCC) for an Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grant. The Great Lakes CCC plans to train 80 students and place at least 64 graduates in environmental jobs. The core training program includes 480 hours of instruction in: 40-hour HAZWOPER; beginning wastewater operator; phytoremediation; National Incident Management System; chemical awareness; solid waste management debris, collection, and recycling; high-pressure tank cleaning operations; certified renovator; general science, hydrology, and geology; water quality sampling/monitoring; field technician operations; bloodborne pathogens/emergency response; entry-level solar installer; asbestos abatement; flagger; commercial driver's license; confined space; and integrated pest management. Participants who complete the training program will earn two state and nine federal certifications. The Great Lakes CCC is targeting veterans, local tribal residents, and unemployed or underemployed young adults who are ex-offenders, high school dropouts, or suffer from mental illness, a disability, or have a history of substance abuse, from the central city of Racine. Key partners include Gateway Technical College, Racine Vocational Ministry Inc., Human Asset Development Corporation, Riley Construction Company Inc., Symbiont, Ramboll Environ US Corporation, Stantec Consulting Services Inc., City of Racine Department of Public Works, Lee Plumbing Mechanical Contractors Inc., CH2M, Racine County Workforce Solutions, and Racine County Economic Development Corporation.

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For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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